English is the official language of Yukon and it is important that health professionals know it well. An overview of the language requirements is available on the Yukon regulator’s website at www.community.gov.yk.ca/lpn.

It is highly recommended that you fulfill the language proficiency requirements first before you apply for qualification recognition under Step 2.

The National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) coordinates a consistent national approach for internationally educated nurses (IENs) seeking registration/licensure to practise in Canadian jurisdictions.

To get your qualifications assessed, please apply to the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) at www.nnas.ca.

Every applicant needs to pass the national entry-to-practice exam called the “Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination” or CPNRE. Please visit the website www.cpnre.ca for more information including a practice test.

The Government of Yukon’s Professional Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Branch in the Department of Community Services is the regulatory authority for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) in Yukon (“the Yukon regulator”). Their website details the steps an Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) needs to take to become licensed in Yukon as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

If licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse is not an option, you could pursue a one-year certificate program at Yukon College to become a Health Care Assistant. For more information please visit the Yukon College website at www.yukoncollege.yk.ca.

For other career options please contact one of the career counsellors in Whitehorse. A contact list is available at www.yukoniehp.ca.